for taking up projects with the approval of the Government of India. The Board has a programme of preparing master plans separately for Main Brahamputra, Min Barak and 38 tributaries of Brahmaputra and 10 rivers of Tripura. Two parts of Master Plan (for main Brahmaputra and Main Barak) have been finalised.

The Government of India constituted two Committees in November, 1987, one for the North Eastern States and the other for the States of Bihar, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources to consider the problem of floods and flood management measures required in the States, to review flood protection measures taken and suggest remedial measures as necessary. On receipt of this report, the Empowered Committee was set up to facilitate expeditious and time bound action on the recommendations of the two Committees. Follow up action required on the recommendations of the Empowered Committee has been circulated in January, 1991 to all the concerned Central/State Agencies.

Also, in other flood prone States/Union Territories such as Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Punjab, Rajasthan and Delhi, Master Plan for Flood Management have been prepared. The Flood Control works are required to be executed by the States as per the *inter se* priority fixed by them in the outline plans so prepared.

सोनिक रेलवे स्टेशन पर हुई दुर्घटना के संबंध में जांच समिति की रिपोर्ट

164. **श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या 4 अगस्त, 1991 को सोनिक रेलवे स्टेशन पर हुई रेल-दुर्घटना के कारणों की जांच करने के लिये कोई जांच समिति गठित की गई है ;

(ख) क्या इस जांच समिति ने अपनी रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत कर दी है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके लिये किन-किन व्यक्तियों को जिम्मेदार पाया गया है ; और

(घ) इन व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) रेल संरक्षा आयुक्त, उत्तर क्षेत्र इस दुर्घटना की जांच कर रहे हैं।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) और (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Dress for children of Beedi workers

165. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made so far towards the scheme for providing one set of dress to the children of beedi workers in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) The scheme for financial assistance to school going children of Beedi Workers for supply of one set of dress under the Beedi Workers' Welfare Fund has been in operation throughout the country since December 1984. In Uttar Pradesh from 262 beneficieries in 1986-87 it has increased to 767 beneficieries in 1990-91. The target for 1991-92 is 880.

Treatment of Beedi Workers suffering from T. B.

166. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for domicilliary treatment of beedi workers suffering from T.B.; if so, the details thereof;

(b) what are the details of the reservation of beds etc. in T.B. hopsitals for beedi workers;

(c) the names of the hospitals in which the beedi workers suffering from T.B. can avail of the facility of bed reservation etc. alongwith the location thereof; and

(d) by when the hospital being set up at Gursahai Ganj under Beedi Workers Welfare Fund is likely to be completed and started?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Reimbursement of medical charges of beedi workers having 6 months service with 50 per cent attendance and receiving wages upto Rs. 1600/- per month is made @ Rs. 50/- per month to cover the cost of medicines etc. Subsistence Allowance @ Rs. 200/- per month where the worker has no dependant and Rs. 250/- per month where the number of dependants is more than one, is also paid to worker undergoing domicilliary treatment for T.B.

(b) Under this scheme beds are reserved in hte T.B. Hospitals/Sanatoria upto Rs. 10,000/- per bed per annum limited to the bed occupancy period. Free treatment for 9 months and in exceptional cases where treatment is required, it is given for more than 9 months also to beedi workers and their families, who have 6 months continuous service and getting wages not exceeding Rs. 1600/- per month. Subsistence Allowance is also paid where the worker (i) happens to be the only earning member of the family and (ii) has no other source of income during the period undergoing treatment for T.B. in a Sanatorium as an indoor patient at the rate of Rs. 200/- per month where the worker has no dependant or has one dependant and Rs. 250/- per month where the number of dependants is more than one.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(d) It is likely to be completed during the current financial year and will start functioning in the early next financial year.

Housing Scheme for Beedi Workers

167. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes to ameliorate the conditions of beedi workers in the country;

(b) the salient fetaures of the housing schemes for beedi workers;

(c) the houses constructed so far under the above scheme in Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) the steps being taken to expedite the progress of the above schemes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund, housing, medical, recreational and educational facilities are given. A list of welfare schemes being implemented to ameliorate the conditions of beedi workers is given in the Statement.

(b) The salient features of the housing schemes in vogue, for beedi workers, is given below :—

(*i*) *Housing Scheme for Economically Weaker Sections*:—

Under this scheme, the houses for beedi workers are constructed by the respective State Government or by its authorised agency, An amount Rs. 5,000/- as grants-in-aid plus development charges upto Rs. 1,000/- per tenement are paid to the State Government by the Central Government.

(*ii*) *Build Your Own House Scheme*:—

Under this scheme, an interest free loan of Rs. 6,000/- and subsidy for Rs. 1,000/- is given to a beedi worker. The loan is recoverable in monthly instalments in a period not exceeding 9 years. An additional subsidy of Rs. 1,000/- is also given to a beedi worker who adopt small family norms.

(iii) *Group Housing Scheme* :—

Under this scheme, a registered Co-operative Group Housing Society having at